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The first blizzard of the season struck northern Montana last week and about twenty persons are reported to have perished in snow. With such weather in October, what will the winter months bring?

Since the Columbia won the yacht races, and the Shamrock didn't, the American cup will remain on this side of the deep blue sea; and the American eagle will certainly be excused if it indulges in an extra scream.

The Lansdale Reporter has added another year to its age, and it is just as vigorous as a youngster of fifteen. The Reporter is a well conducted newspaper and deserves all the success it has attained in the sphere of journalism.

No matter, whether the point at issue relates to mildewed monstrosities, or to "a tramp ship on the sea of journalism," the editor of the Bristol Gazette will have his own way of taking views. And a little arbitrary will hardly lessen the sum of his happiness.

We can think of no reason why Commissioners Hampton and Graber should not be re-elected. Thus far they have conscientiously performed their duties as public servants, and the taxpayers of the county will do well in continuing them in office for another term.

In the important matter of State Forestry it is of much interest to know that the State Board of Property has instructed Commissioner Rothrock to locate and secure as many of the cheap, unseated lands of the State as available funds will pay for and to ascertain and recommend the best forestry methods in vogue in other countries. One step in the right direction.

ELERY P. INGHAM, former United States District Attorney and Harvey K. Newitt, his law partner and former Assistant District Attorney were found guilty Friday of conspiracy and bribery in connection with the revenue stamp counterfeiting plot, headed by William M. Jacobs and William L. Kendig, the Lancaster cigar manufacturers. The jury was out forty-eight hours. A motion for a new trial has been made.

Quite a number of anti-Quayites are going to vote for Farmer Cressy for State Treasurer, and some of them intend to check the Republican county ticket. It doesn't require a searchlight to see blood in their eyes.

If you have any doubt as to the correctness of the above observation, wait until the returns come in and your doubts will be wiped away.

Farmer Cressy is a capable gentleman and a worthy candidate, but this isn't the reason why the anti-Quayites are going to vote for a Democrat. Not much. They will vote for Cressy because they hate Quay, and the machine many of them helped to operate in other days. That's why.

JOSIAH R. ADAMS last week quit the field as a candidate for Superior Court Judge on the Republican ticket, giving as his reason that the ticket ought not to be weakened by the personal charges preferred against him. He did the right thing just in the niche of time, and ex-Senator Mitchell, now Judge of the Courts of Tioga county, has been named by the Republican State Committee as his successor on the Republican ticket. This action by the Committee has tickled the anti-Quay wing mightily. Judge Mitchell is looked upon more as an Independent than as a Regular, his election years ago to the United States Senate having been accomplished by means of a revolt within party lines. He is accepted with loud acclaim by the anti-Quayites. The greatest consideration however in his favor is, that he is honest and capable, beyond peradventure. Anybody can hurrah for such a candidate. The North American thinks in effect that it is a good nomination made by bad men, but the American can't see any individual goodness if the individual happens not to be in full communion with the tribe of Sir John Wanamaker, ex-defeated candidate for United States Senator, and erstwhile a great money raiser for campaign purposes.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20, '99.—The President's return from his western trip, which was correctly designated as a public pulse-feeling expedition, was signaled by the semi-official announcement that he had fully determined to throw down the gauntlet to the anti-expansion-

ists by coming out flat and strong for the permanent retention of the Philippines, in his annual message to Congress. There is not the slightest doubt that this one of the results of the President's feeling of the public pulse. While his talk had indicated his personal opinion to be in favor of the permanent retention of the Philippines, he had very carefully avoided saying so, previous to that trip. In fact shortly before that trip, he had almost decided not to make any specific recommendation to Congress on the subject. A member of the Presidential party says the President was fully convinced on his trip that a large majority of the people, regardless of political lines, favored the retention of the Philippines, and made up his mind to make that recommendation to Congress.

Secretary Hay on the part of the U. S. and Mr. Tower, the British Chargé d'affaires, have signed the formal agreement upon a temporary boundary line between Alaska and Canada. The agreement is terminable at the pleasure of either nation.

Admiral Dewey will go to Atlanta early next week, to participate in the presentation of a sword to Lieut. Brumby, and he has accepted an invitation to be the guest of the City of Philadelphia on the 31st inst. After that his time will be taken up by the Philippine Commission, of which he is a member.

One of the peculiarities of our form of government is emphasized by the conclusion reached by the Department of State to abrogate the existing commercial treaty with Switzerland. The treaty is to be abrogated because several of our States have enacted laws which violate its terms and there is no way in which the Department of State, or the general government, if you please, can get those laws repealed. The treaty in question guarantees to Swiss concerns the same rights to do business in the U. S. that are enjoyed by Americans in Switzerland. While the State laws mentioned were not aimed particularly at the Swiss, they have shut out the Swiss insurance companies, which is a violation of the treaty, by imposing prohibitory taxes on foreign corporations. Some regard these State laws as unconstitutional, but Secretary Hay has no idea of testing that by going into the courts. He will just notify Switzerland of our intention to abrogate the treaty.

Senator Hoar, who is president of the National Unitarian Conference, which met in Washington this week, said in an address: "I have no faith in fatalism, in destiny, in blind force. I believe in God, the living God. I believe in the American people, a free and brave people, who do not bow the neck or bend the knee to any other, and who desire no other to bow the neck or bend the knee to them. I believe that liberty, good government, free institutions, cannot be given by any one people to any other, but must be wrought out for each by itself, slowly, painfully, in the process of years or centuries, as the oak adds ring to ring. I believe that a republic is greater than an empire. I believe that the moral law and the Golden Rule are for nations as well as individuals; I believe in George Washington, not in Napoleon Bonaparte; in the Whigs of the revolutionary day, not in the Tories; in Chatham Burke, and Sam Adams, not in Dr. Johnson or Lord North. I believe that the North Star, abiding in its place, is a greater influence than any comet or meteor. I believe that the U. S., when William McKinley was inaugurated, was a greater world power than Rome in the height of her glory, or even England with her 400,000,000 vassals. I believe, whatever clouds may darken the horizon, that the world is growing better; that today is better than yesterday, and to-morrow will be better than today."

The is something about the money sent to the U. S. Treasury by conscience-stricken individuals, which is usually spoken of as the "Conscience Fund," that seems to interest everybody—perhaps it is because most of us are just a little bit conscience-hardened and enjoy knowing that others have been through the mill. The largest single contribution to the "conscience fund" was \$10,000, and the smallest, one cent, and they have ranged all the way between those amounts. The money received from this source is credited on the books of the Treasury Department to the "conscience fund," (the letters accompanying contributions are all kept on file) and is then turned into the general fund and used to pay ordinary expenses. Outside of the Treasurer's office nobody knows the total amount which has been received from this source, and all attempts to obtain the total for publication are pleasantly refused. One official declared with a smile that if the amount were to be published there would be a dozen schemes at once brought to the attention of Congress to appropriate the money for. That may or may not be the reason, but it is a fact that the information can not be obtained.

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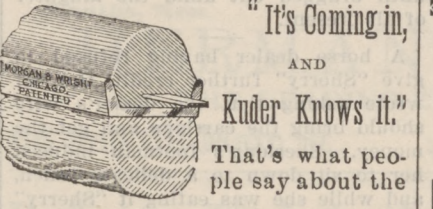
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These farms were in what is now and was probably then called Oxford Neck, on the left hand side of the public road from Hambleton to Oxford, in a pretty and rich agricultural section. Since Sailes' day among other owners of the land was John Leeds Kerr, some time United States senator.

Of course no one living ever saw Gabriel Sailes or ever saw any one that did see him. He left no descendants, and as far as is known to the narrator or to the people he has talked with there is no one of his kindred living. But his name is as well known to this generation as that of any of his contemporaries. He was a giant, nearly all of them. The stories told about him and the traditions attaching to the place keep his name in remembrance.

He was a mighty man in tallness and strength, measuring, we are told, 6 feet 8 inches in height, and of splendid physical and muscular development. Many stories are told of his feats of strength, the best of which is this: The name of this powerful man had gone far abroad. It had even reached New York city, where exaggerated stories of his feats and prowess had been told among men who considered they were something of giants themselves. The most notorious pugilist in the country at that time was a big and powerful New Yorker named Garth, or Goeth.

He was a man of science in the pugilistic art, had whipped many a man and had never been bested himself. He heard so much about Gabriel Sailes and what he could do that he got mad and determined to find him and whip him. One hog killing day in November a stranger rode up to the Sailes house. "Are you Mr. Gabriel Sailes?" he demanded. "Yes, What'll ye have?" said the eastern shore man to the New Yorker, and he was not a bit startled at the latter's reply. "My name's Garth. I am a fighting man from New York. I have heard of you as a fighter, and I have come all the way down here to whip you."

"All right," said the eastern shore man, "wait a minute until I kill this pig." In those days, and frequently these, it was the custom to wind up the proceedings of hog killing day by slaughtering a beef for Christmas. The animal this time was a big ox. He was brought up in front of Sailes, who struck him on the head with his right fist and knocked him down. After cutting the ox's jugular he turned about to announce to the New Yorker that he was ready to accommodate him, but then he was riding rapidly out the lane, on his way back to New York.

It is not related of him that he was particularly cruel to his slaves. But he must have been pretty much of the same kind. It is told that when he asked, "Mas' Gabriel," for a holiday he would exclaim: "Holiday, ye black rascals! Yes, ye shall have holiday," and would then compel them to climb up on top of the barn and sit straddle of the roof all day long. Twenty years ago a gentleman, then 75 years old, told the narrator that his father, when a small boy, had seen the negroes sitting a-straddle the top of Gabriel Sailes' barn like so many crows.

But the most singular freak of this most extraordinary man was connected with his death and burial. He had his coffin made while yet alive. It was made of two inch white oak stuff, cut and sawed in the midnight hours in a grove of white oaks on a headland called the Devil's Keep. The coffin was open at both ends. He directed—the writing is still extant—that "a jug of whisky be placed in one end of the coffin and a plug of tobacco in the other, so that the devil comes in at either end and he will stop to take a chaw or a drink, and I will get out at the other."

Most fantastic notion, but it is said that this was done for the purpose of showing what he thought of rum and tobacco, of which he used to say, "They are a part of the devil's diet and not fit for white men to use." In the early part of this century the grave was opened through the curiosity of some skeptical people who affected to disbelieve the story. They thought the coffin was there, both ends of it were open, and in one end was a jug. A record of the deed and the findings was made at the time. Another of the fantastic directions was that the grave should be dug north and south instead of east and west and a holly tree planted at each end. This was done. The hollies are living yet—big venerable trees. He died about 1760.

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**FARM GARDEN FOREST TREE PLANTING.**

An Effort to Promote It Among the Division of forestry of the United States department of agriculture through a recent circular offers practical and personal assistance to farmers and others in establishing forest plantations in the treeless region of the west and wherever it is desirable to establish forest plantation. In the very interesting explanatory circular, No. 22, Mr. Pinchot touches upon various aspects of forestry. These cultures in regions formerly treeless, he says, is dependent largely upon agriculture. Wherever large areas of land have been brought under cultivation the growing of trees is yearly becoming more successful.

Nearly every state of the plains region has, among many failures, some admirable examples of plantations of all ages, from 1 to 25 or more years, which have been in every way successful. The success of these plantations, when compared with the many failures, proves the great need for practical experience, combined with wide and accurate knowledge, in growing forest trees in the west.

The forest plantation at the Agricultural college, Brookings, S. D., of which an interior view is given in the first cut, illustrates what may be accomplished in a few years on the open prairies of that state. This is a mixed plantation, 12 years old, of which, black cherry, green ash and white elm.

The second cut shows a typical view of a young forest plantation two years after planting. The plot on the left is a mixed planting of box elder, oak, white elm, green ash and black locust. The plot on the right is set to Russian mulberry, oak, white elm, black locust, honey locust, green ash and box elder. This plantation is at Logan, Utah.

It is not reasonable to suppose that forest tree culture can be made a direct source of great financial profit in the arid regions, but if it cannot bring in important sums it can save the farmer very considerable expenditures by supplying material which he would otherwise have to buy. The indirect value, too, of well established groves, wood lots, shelter belts and wind breaks in the protection which they afford is of the first importance. Such plantations, in addition to being of direct use for fuel, fence posts and material for many miscellaneous farm uses, are invaluable in providing protection for crops, orchards, stock and farm buildings.

One of the most important indirect services of forest plantations, and one rarely taken into consideration, is the increased market value of a well wooded farm on the prairie lands of the west over one without timber. Conservative estimates made on the ground indicate that the farms of eastern and central Kansas and Nebraska that have well developed plantations of forest trees are worth from 10 to 25 per cent more than those without.

In nearly the whole of the broad prairie belt extending from the woodlands of the east to the foothills of the west and reaching from North Dakota to Texas trees may be grown with varying success. In the western border of the wooded area regions to the west, where the soil is more fertile and the rainfall is more abundant, the range in selection becomes more and more restricted until the western limit is reached.

Many of the worst farms in humid regions may be brought back to their original fertility by growing forest trees upon them for a series of years, and very many of them contain land better suited to the production of wood than to any other purpose. Such land should never have been cleared. It is fortunately true that throughout the regions once wooded, without farm lands will usually revert to their previous condition if protected from fire and stock.

**Plant Selling and Fruit Raising.**

Appropos of systems of strawberry culture, a correspondent of Gardening remarks: Above all, do not allow the runners to set too thick in the row, unless you are in the plant business. Plant selling and fruit raising is not, as a rule, a desirable combination. Every spring we sell a few thousand plants from our nurseries, but it is done more as an accommodation to the neighbors than a money making scheme. Every time a plant is dug from such rows we feel that just so much fruit is being taken up, besides injuring the adjoining plant roots more or less. Whether the price obtained from this weeding out process offsets the loss and injury is a question in our minds, with a big question mark.

It is the writer's humble opinion that the operation comes more properly under the heading of charity than finance.

The phrase "tilage is manure" may be classed as one of the "half truths" that are so common in agriculture. From recent experiments it appears that the reason tilage seems to be manure is that it enables the plant to utilize completely the fertility that is in the soil, particularly potash and phosphoric acid, but if this process is carried on indefinitely without application of any kind of manure it will render the land hopelessly barren.

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